

"Caution prevails; 2028 yields tick up slightly"

Amid ongoing geopolitical uncertainties, the market remained cautious, maintaining a prudent wait-and-see approach amid mixed sentiment. In this environment, the yield curve edged slightly higher from the 2028 maturities. At the short end of the yield curve, 15.09.2027 traded at 8.55%. Amongst the 2028 maturities, 15.02.2028 traded between 8.82% to 8.85% while 15.03.2028 traded at 8.90%. Moreover, both 01.05.2028 and 01.07.2028 were seen changing hands at 8.93% while 15.10.2028 traded at 8.95%. Moving ahead, 15.09.2029 was seen trading at 9.49% while 15.12.2029 traded at 9.54%. Finally, 15.03.2031 traded at a rate of 10.05%. Today, the Central Bank held its weekly T-Bill auction, raising LKR 114.6Bn-below the initial offer of LKR 132.0Bn. The 3M bill raised LKR 31.0Bn, exceeding its initial offer of LKR 20.0Bn, with the yield steady at 7.55%. The 6M bill raised LKR 64.3Bn, also above the initial offer, with its yield rising slightly by 1bps to 7.73%. The 12M bill raised only LKR 19.2Bn, well below the initial LKR 50.0Bn offer, while its yield remained unchanged at 7.94%. In the forex market, the LKR depreciated marginally against the greenback, closing at LKR 300.84/USD, compared to the previously seen rate of 300.78/USD. Meanwhile, overnight liquidity in the banking system contracted to LKR 101.1Bn from LKR 122.4Bn in the previous













